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Sir:

Attached are two Form PTO-1449's, sheet 1 of which lists prior art cited by the International Searching Authority in connection with the PCT Application Serial No. PCT/US/97/22708, corresponding to this Application and sheet 2 of which lists prior patents cited in an Office Action dated April 14, 1997 in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/958,550, which, like the present Application, is a Continuation-in-Part of Serial No. 08/493,926. Also attached are copies of the cited documents together with a copy of the PCT Search Report dated April 20, 1998.

Each document was cited in the PCT Report to show "the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance". Of the five cited, U.S. Patent Nos. 5,313,960 and 5,499,633 are already in the record for this Application.

Applicant and his attorney do not believe the newly cited patents are more pertinent than other prior art of record. Nevertheless, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(i) in keeping with Applicant's duty of candor to the public in general.

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